

## REMARKS

With the present Amendment, claims 10 through 20 are cancelled. Remaining claims 1 through 9 are variously amended as set forth above.

Claims 1 through 4, and 7 through 9 stand rejected under § 102(b) as anticipated by Faries '728. Claim 5 stands rejected as obvious in view of Faries '728 and Scrivens '756. Claim 6 is rejected as obvious in view of Faries '728 and Grimm '927. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims as amended and presented herein patentably distinguish over the applied art, as discussed below.

As currently amended, claim 1 calls for the sleeves of the protective garment to include an upper arm section and cuffs at the end of the sleeve. The upper arm section comprises a circumference sized so as to be loose fitting on an intended wearer. The sleeves further comprise a form fitting section defined below the upper arm section. The form fitting section comprises a reduced circumference so as to form fit against the wearer's forearm. The upper arm section and the form fitting section are formed from a common continuous material. For example, the sleeves may be formed from a common blank of material and subsequently attached to the sleeve openings in the garment. Finally, a skin wellness agent is deposited on the inner circumferential surface of the form fitting section of the sleeves. This unique combination of elements in a protective garment is not disclosed in Faries '728, and would not be obvious in view of Faries.

Faries '728 describes various embodiments of a garment intended as a wound dressing device. Regardless of the type of garment or intended use, all embodiments include a structure layer of one or more layers of material and a sheet-like gel layer that serves as the interior lining of the garment, with the gel layer intended to directly contact

the skin of the patient. The gel layer has a soft and tacky texture so as to readily adhere to the patient's skin. Faries '728 discloses that such a garment can be formed to cover any portion of the body, including wrist, elbows, arms, etc., and that the garment may include a portion of a garment, including a sleeve. There is, however, no teaching or suggestion whatsoever in Faries '728 of the unique sleeve configurations set forth in amended claim 1.

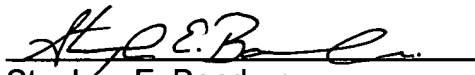
Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable in view of Faries '728.

Claims 2, 3, and 5 through 9 only further patentably distinguish the invention of claim 1 and thus are also allowable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable. The respective dependent claims also add further patentably distinguishing features.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth herein, applicant respectfully submits that remaining claims 1 through 3 and 5 through 9 patentably define over the art of record and are allowable. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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